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SUBJECT: EXPORT OF LASER TO HUNGARY - CASE #136725 AND 136728

1. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE MET JULY 18 WITH DR. NORBERT KROO AND COLLEAGUES AT CENTRAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR PHYSICS OF HUNGARIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES (KFKI) TO DISCUSS EXPORT CONTROL ISSUES INVOLVED IN PURCHASE U.S. MADE APOLLO HOLOGRAPHIC LASER MODEL HD-22-25050. APPOINTMENT ARRANGED BY EMBASSY THROUGH OFFICIAL GOH CHANNELS WAS NOTEWORTHY FOR CANDOR AND OPENNESS EXHIBITED BY HOSTS.

2. EMBOFF INVITED TO VISIT ANY OF INSTITUTE'S NUMEROUS LABORATORIES TO SEE EXISTING KFKI EQUIPMENT IN ACTION. KROO STATED INSTITUTE HAS SOME FORTY LASERS BULK OF WHICH MADE BY KFKI ITSELF, THOUGH EMBOFF WAS ALSO SHOWN US-MADE COHERENT RADIATION 250 WATT CO2 LASER WHICH HOST STATED WAS ORDERED AT SAME TIME AS APOLLO UNIT IN QUESTION AND WAS APPROVED BY U.S. MOST EXPEDITIOUSLY. KFKI PICKED APOLLO UNIT BECAUSE IT MOST COMPATIBLE WITH ANOTHER MODEL OF THEIR OWN DESIGN AND OFFERED PORTABILITY REQUIRED BY TUNGSRAM RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN ITS TESTING OF DENSITY GRADIENTS IN LIGHTBULBS.

3. MEETING INITIALLY PROMPTED BY LETTER FROM IMRE KERENYI, IKER INTERNATIONAL, 18 OAKHURST CIRCLE, PITTSBURGH, PENNA., PHONE (412) 781-6023, WHO APPARENTLY HAS FINANCIAL INTEREST IN SALE

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AS WELL AS A BROTHER AT KFKI TO PUSH CASE. BOTH HUNGARIAN HOSTS

AND COMMERCIAL ATTACHE QUESTION KERENYI'S TACTICS -- E.G. SUGGESTION THAT COMMERCIAL ATTACHE VISIT KFKI ON REGULAR PASSPORT AND REGISTER AS REPRESENTATIVE OF IKER INTERNATIONAL. KROO STATED HE HAD BEEN HOUNDED BY KERENYI'S BROTHER FOR ACTION. IN SPITE KERENYI, KFKI CLEARLY WANTS APOLLO LASER AND STATES THAT FURTHER DELAY MAY CAUSE LOSS OF BOTH ALLOCATED FUNDS AND EQUIPMENT DUE ADVENT NEW FIVE-YEAR PLAN.

4. EMBOFF UNABLE TO FULLY JUDGE KFKI CLAIMS BUT HUNGARIAN HOSTS STATED THEY PERFECTLY WILLING PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFO OEA MAY REQUIRE TO REACH DECISION ON CASE. EMBOFF GIVEN CARTE BLANCHE TO RETURN ANYTIME WITH SPECIFIC QUESTIONS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLS ADVISE STATUS OF CASE AND FURTHER STEPS EMBASSY SHOULD TAKE TO ASSIST WASHINGTON AGENCIES IN THIS MATTER. USDOC MAY ALSO WISH TO INFORM KERENYI OF VISIT. MCAULIFFE

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